GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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REALLOCATION OF CONSUMERS AMONG LPG DEALERS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas dealers of various oil companies operating in Siddharth Nagar, Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh districts in Uttar Pradesh and the Rishikesh and Haridwar districts in Uttaranchal alongwith the names and addresses of each of the said dealers company-wise ;

(b) the number of consumers with each of the said dealers till October 31, 2006 ; (

(c) whether the dealers who have more than 10,000 consumers are unable to provide gas cylinders to the consumers in time ;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to reallocate the number of consumers amongst the dealers who have more than ten thousand consumers and the dealers who have a lesser number of consumers ; and

(e) if so, the time by which reallocation is likely to be effected ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) : At present, 3 Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) are marketing LPG in Siddharth Nagar, Muzaffarnagar, Azamgarh districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rishikesh and Haridwar district in Uttaranchal. As on 31.10.2006, OMCs are operating 53 LPG distributorships and 28 LPG distributorships in these districts of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal respectively.Through these distributorships, OMCs are serving about 3.69 lakh and 2.08 lakh customers respectively. The details regarding name and address of LPG distributorships and their customer strength are available with Directors(Marketing) of OMCs concerned.

(c) : No, Sir.The genuine demand of customers registered with the LPG distributors is being fully met.

(d) & (e) : Government have since reviewed the policy on transfer of customers and now inter-company transfer of customers is not allowed as a matter of policy. However, OMCs have reported that the restructuring of distributors who are operating above ceiling limit is a regular process and is being done based on market requirement.